

# **Finance and Governance Committee P-20 Council**

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# Finance and Governance Committee Members

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- **Ray Hancock**, Co-Chair, Illinois Community College Foundation
- **Laurel Prussing**, Co-Chair, Mayor of Urbana
- **Dan Harris**, Ounce of Prevention
- **Michael Johnson**, Illinois School Boards Association
- **Gary Niehaus**, McLean County Unit District 5
- **Glenn Poshard**, Southern Illinois University
- **Kathy Ryg**, Voices for Illinois Children
- **Ron Bullock**, Bison Gear
- **Perry Buckley**, Cook County College Teachers Union
- **Linda Chapa La Via**, State Representative
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- **Ann Courter**, P-20 staff

# History

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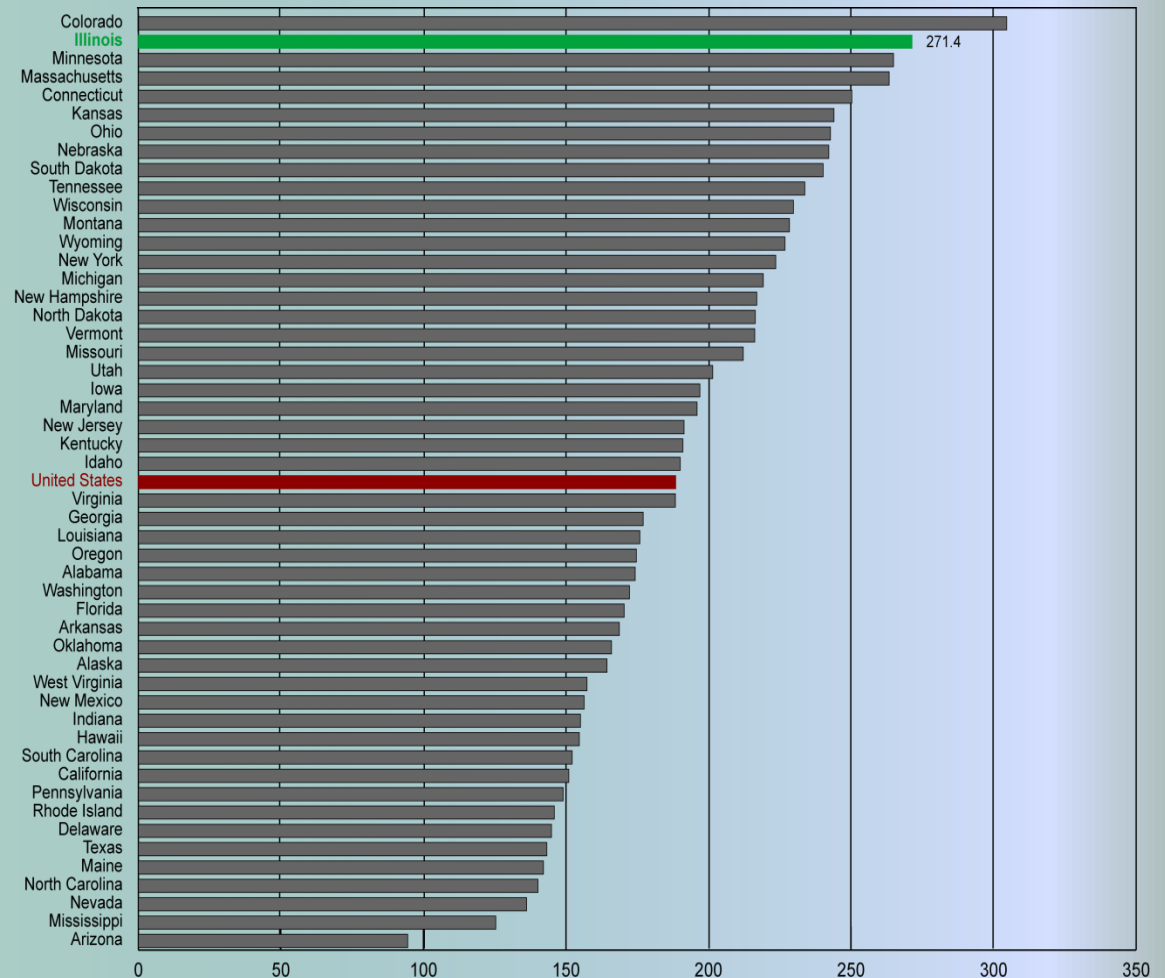
- Committee formed in October/November 2010
- Purpose:
  - ▶ Identify core problems/issues in finance and governance of Illinois education
  - ▶ Recommend solutions to P-20 Council
- Progress to date: committee has met five times, developed consensus on priorities

# How are we doing in Illinois?

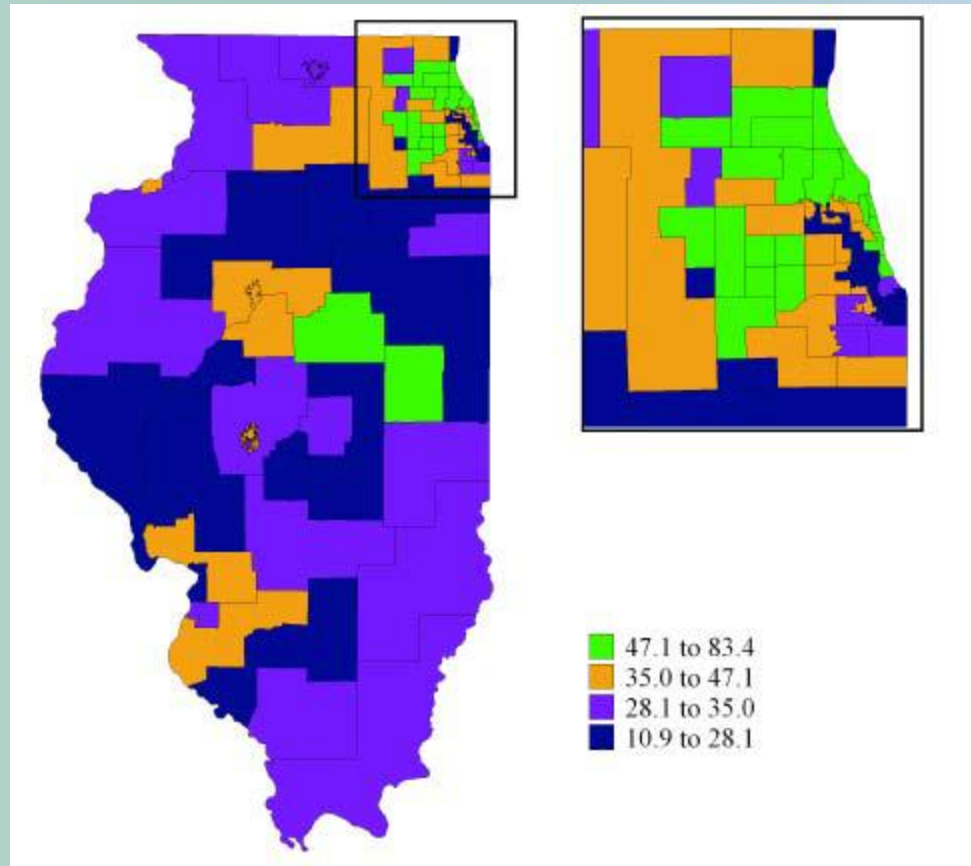
- The Illinois education system is working very well in many places for many people around the State---

Illinois is near the top in students scoring at 80<sup>th</sup> percentile and above on ACT or SAT, per 1000 high school graduates

Source: NCHEMS ,  
Preparation for College, 2007



But it is ineffective in regard to equality and the global preparation of **all** students.



*Percent of population, 25-64, with associate's degree or higher. Regional variations in college credentials show large gaps — and opportunities — in raising the level of educational attainment* Source: 2006 ACS (PUMS)

We must take a comprehensive approach to lifelong education instead of dealing with the individual components piecemeal.

- **Early Childhood** Home Visiting Programs, Early Intervention (0-3), Early Special Education (3-5), Ill. Dept. Human Services, ISBE, State-Funded Preschool, Child Care Assistance, Quality Rating System, Career Lattice for teachers, Leadership to Integrate the Learning Continuum
- **K-12** State Bd. of Education (9 appointed by Gov), State Supt., Regional Superintendents (44 elected), Intermediate Service Centers (3 Cook County), Technology Centers, Technical high schools, Special Education co-ops., purchasing co-ops, Alternative high schools, Drop-out prevention, After-school programs, AP classes, Learning Exchanges, assessment policy, local boards of education
- **Post-secondary** Community Colleges, 4-year colleges and universities, birth to 12<sup>th</sup> grade teacher training, principal and director training, industry certifications, transfer credits, returning students, adult continuing education

# Finance and Governance Committee Priorities

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1. Identify possible models for a comprehensive birth to post-graduate education governance structure.
2. Evaluate these models against current structure in Illinois, with respect to:
  - a) fiscal efficiency and coordination and leveraging of state and local resources,
  - b) impact on student outcomes, and
  - c) equity of educational opportunity throughout the state.

# Promising models: Lessons from Ontario

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- System coherence and alignment
- Teacher quality
- A single capable center with authority and legitimacy to act
- Professional accountability

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# Possible Improvements in Governance and Finance That Could Be Adopted in Illinois

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- Foster better coordination between high schools, community colleges, and universities through formal agreements such as dual-credit/dual-enrollment, 2+2+2, etc.
- Explore the most efficient and equitable ways to provide career and technical education programs (learning exchanges, high school and community college partnerships, registered apprenticeships).
- Do more to bridge the achievement gap in mathematics and English at the beginning of and throughout the P-20 spectrum.

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- Examine the inclusion of preschool in funding formulas
- Explore methods to better provide rapid and effective State intervention to enforce standards and provide assistance to institutions
- Fund grants and programs to promote P-20

# Conceptual Example in Governance and Finance That Could Be Adopted in Illinois

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Consider a State (P-20) Board Of Education with greater authority and decision-making power. For example:

- an Illinois Unified Board of Education appointed on the basis of criteria recommended by the P-20 Council
- a President selected by the Board based on criteria recommended by the Council and approved by the Board,
- a division of the State into Regional Service Centers possibly based on community college districts or some other, maybe smaller, subdivision,
- Vice Presidents for K-12, CC, and university, and regional centers (4 of them)
- Vocational and occupational education system prescribed by the State

# Improvements Related to the Efficient and Equitable Use of Existing Resources

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- Greater use of cooperative buying and state-wide buying power
- Explore ways to ensure that expenditures maximize students learning outcomes
- Full and consistent funding of EFAB or other alternative funding plans for K-12
- Stable financing of public schools
  - Avoid annual disruptions from spring teacher layoffs
  - Implement 3-yr state education budgets to allow for better planning
- Address affordability for college students and their families



# Questions and Suggestions for the Committee



*Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.*

—Horace Mann

## Illinois Needs A Victory